

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont

TEAM: Commissioner's Office

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education vote to approve the request for the Orleans Essex Supervisory Union Board to change the name of the supervisory union from the Orleans Essex North Supervisory Union to the North Country Supervisory Union?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve the request for the Orleans Essex Supervisory Union Board to change the name of the supervisory union from the Orleans Essex North Supervisory Union to the North Country Supervisory Union.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16 V.S.A. Chapter 11, Subchapter 4.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Following a vote on March 20, 2008, the OENSU Board has requested that the State Board of Education approve the name change for the supervisory union, citing its unanimous approval of the change and reflection of the broader community's identification with the North Country Union High School.

COST IMPLICATIONS: N/A

STAFF AVAILABLE:

Richard Cate, Commissioner; Mark Oettinger, General Counsel

Mr. Tom James, Chair
Vermont Board of Education
C/O Dr. Richard Cate, Commissioner
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

Re: Name Change

Dear Commissioner Cate and Mr. James:

At the Orleans-Essex North Supervisory Union (OENSU) Board meeting held on March 20, 2008, the board approved the attached resolution authorizing me to request State Board approval of a name change from Orleans-Essex North Supervisory Union to North Country Supervisory Union.

As explained in the board unanimously approved resolution, this name change is important to our community since North Country Supervisory union better identifies with North Country Union High School.

It is our hope that the State Board will agree with this resolution and expedite its approval so we may prepare for the new year July, 2008 using our new name.

On behalf of the Orleans-Essex North Supervisory Union and soon to be North Country Supervisory Union Board and community, I thank you and the State Board for your consideration and approval of our important request amid many other issues before the Board.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Kern, Ed. D.
Superintendent